

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Response is in response to the Office Action dated June 3, 2004. Claims 1-6 and 12-13 are pending in the present application.

In the above-mentioned Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 1-6 and 12-13 are subject to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121. In particular, the Examiner stated that

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

- (1) FIGs. 4A-4B;**
- (2) FIGs. 5A-5B;**
- (3) FIGs. 6A-6B;**
- (4) FIGs. 7A-7B, 8A-8B.**

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, claim 1 appears to be generic to all species.

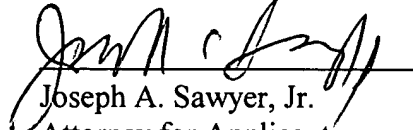
The Examiner further stated that a reply to the restriction requirement must include "an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added."

Applicant hereby elects species (4), corresponding to Figures 7A-7B and 8A-8B. A listing of all claims readable on species (4) includes claims 1-6 and 12-13.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant's attorney believes that this application is in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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